THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) According to available information, 530 persons including civilians, Security Forces personnel and militants were killed due to Naga insurgency, during the last five years *i.e.* from 1998 to 2002, as per details given below:

Civilians	97
Security Forces Personnel	26
Militants	407
TOTAL	**530**

Details of wounded persons have not been maintained.

Exploration/exploitation of minerals in Andhra Pradesh

4271. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh has made any request to the Ministry to encourage private participation in exploration and exploitation of the available 48 major and minor mines in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) steps taken by the Ministry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) No, Sir. Under the provisions of Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 (MMDR) and the Rules framed thereunder, there is no bar for private participation for exploration and exploitation of major as well as minor minerals in the country.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, do not arise.

Zinc smelters set up in the country

4272. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of zinc smelters set up in the country and location thereof;

(b) whether Government have a proposal to promote the zinc smelters in the country;

(c) if so, the incentives proposed to be granted to the zinc smelters; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) The details of smelters engaged in production of primary zinc owned by Hindustan Zinc Limited (a joint venture company of Government of India and M/s Sterlite Opportunities and Ventures Limited) and Binani Industries Limited (a unit in private sector) are as follows:

Sl. No.	Location of the Smelter	Name of the Organization
1.	Debari, Udaipur (Rajasthan)	Hindustan Zinc Limited
2.	Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh)	-do-
3.	Chanderiya, Chittorgarh (Rajasthan)	-do-
4.	Alwaye, Kerala	Binani Industries Limited

(b) to (d) The promotion of various industries including zinc industry is guided by Industrial Policy. Economic Policy and Fiscal Policy persued by the Government. The New Mineral Policy (NMP) announced in 1993 had thrown open all non-fuel/non-atomic minerals including zinc for private investment. NMP encourages efficient processing of minerals which includes Smelters.

Use of solar energy for lighting and cooking in the rural areas

4273. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme to optimize the use of solar energy for lighting and cooking in the rural areas;

(b) if so, whether the private sector companies have shown interest in manufacturing these solar cookers and solar lamps;

(c) if so, whether the Government are contemplating to provide incentive for the use of wind power for producing light etc., and

(d) if so, the details thereof?